



# Welcome to St. Mark's Chapel

*Open hearts, open minds, open doors*

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Praise

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

#28 New Century

The Word of God

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*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*All:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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*Presider:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

*All:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*All:* Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## First Reading

**Exodus 16:2-4,9-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 78:23-29

*Attendite, popule*

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- 23 So he commanded the clouds above \*  
and opened the doors of heaven.
- 24 He rained down manna upon them to eat \*  
and gave them grain from heaven.
- 25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; \*  
he provided for them food enough.
- 26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens \*  
and led out the south wind by his might.
- 27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust \*  
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.
- 28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp \*  
and round about their dwellings.
- 29 So they ate and were well filled, \*  
for he gave them what they craved.

## Second Reading

**Ephesians 4:1-16**

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one

body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel**

**John 6:24-35**

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Sermon**

**The Rev. Brian D. Blayer**

## The Nicene Creed

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**All:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the People Form III (All standing)

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**Response: That we all may be one.**

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**Response: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**Response: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**Response: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**Response: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**Response: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor: We pray especially for, John S., Sully, Joey, Maria, Zoma, Marilyn, Peter, Kerri, Rich, Janet, Frank, Caroline, Mary, Gloria, John, and all those we may now mention, silently or aloud\_\_\_\_\_.

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Response: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor: We pray especially for all those we may now mention, silently or aloud

\_\_\_\_\_.

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**Response: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Intercessor: We give thanks this week for what we may now mention, silently or aloud

\_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace** *Please remain in your seat*

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.     ***People:***     **And also with you.**

### **Holy Communion**

**Offertory Hymn**

*Come down, O Love divine*

**#516 Hymnal 1982**

### **Offering**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer 2 (Enriching Our Worship)**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.     ***People:***     **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.     ***People:***     **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:***     **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

## **Sanctus**

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, **God of Power and might, heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider continues:*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Mark, St. Mary, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Presider:* And now, as our brother Jesus has taught us, we are bold to say,

**People:** Our Father, who art in heaven, **hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Fraction**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All:**           **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are invited to come forward for communion.*

*Please form a line down the center, respecting safe distance protocols of 3 feet.*

*After receiving the bread, please proceed to the left or right to receive the wine from a Eucharistic Minister. Gluten free wafers are available.*

**Communion Hymn**

*In Remembrance of Me*

**#149 LEVAS**

**Postcommunion Prayer (Please Stand)**

**BCP, p. 365**

**All:**           Eternal God, heavenly Father, **you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

*Presider:*       The blessing of God Almighty, our creator, redeemer, and sanctifier be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Mission Hymn**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

**#136 LEVAS**

**Dismissal**

*Presider:*       Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:**           **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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## **Announcements:**

As you may be aware, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has updated its policy on masks. It recommends when indoors with large groups, even those vaccinated wear masks in areas where infections are on the rise. The main driver is the Delta Variant of the COVID virus which is behaving differently from previous strains. Medical professionals inform us that even those vaccinated can now transmit this variant to others.

So, while numbers are lower in CT we are now seeing increases among areas with lower vaccination rates. Both Franklin and Salem are now in the red zone and Andover is at orange level and Manchester and East Hampton now yellow. Cape Cod is entirely in the red zone and many in our region have been vacationing.

At St. Mark's we **STRONGLY ADVISE** wearing a mask. We have abided by policies and recommendations all year long and it has allowed us to continue many of our activities. Let's keep this spirit going and continue supporting each other through this latest inconvenience.

### **STEEPLE CHASE RIDE/WALK**

**Saturday, August 21, 2021**

**St. Mark's has set up a team page!**

To Donate or Register visit:

<https://www.pledgereg.com/3778/Team/16097>

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>**

Students are back at school!

Choir returns!

Sunday School begins!

Coffee Hour!